

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IOWA, INC.	DOCKET NO. RPU-00-4
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**ORDER APPROVING RENEWED PRICE REGULATION PLAN**

(Issued December 28, 2000)

On October 20, 2000, Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier-Iowa), filed for approval of the Utilities Board (Board), a renewal of its price regulation plan. Frontier-Iowa states that it is filing the plan in conformance with the existing plan, which provides the option to renew the existing plan upon 30 days written notice to the Board. Frontier-Iowa indicates that the renewal has been negotiated and approved by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate).

Frontier-Iowa is currently operating under a revised price regulation plan approved by the Board effective December 31, 1995. The price plan was approved for a five-year period and it expires on December 30, 2000. The renewed plan is to become effective on December 31, 2000, and is to run for a period of five years.

On December 29, 1999, the Board initiated a review of the current price regulation plan in Docket No. RPU-99-4. The Board identified certain areas of inquiry regarding the price plan, and prefiled testimony was filed by Frontier-Iowa and

Consumer Advocate. The Board found that no issues related to service quality, prices, or the overall operation of the price plan were raised by Consumer Advocate and the docket was closed on July 6, 2000.

The Board has reviewed the renewal price plan and finds that there are no substantial changes from the existing plan. The Board has already performed a review of the existing plan in Docket No. RPU-99-4. Since no issues were raised concerning the existing plan in that docket, and the renewal has no substantial changes, the Board will approve the renewal of the price regulation plan.

The renewed price regulation plan did not contain the rates that would be effective under the renewal. Frontier-Iowa indicated that the rates for the renewal would be the rates approved from the last year of the current price plan. Frontier-Iowa filed proposed tariffs containing proposed rates for the final year of the existing plan. Those tariffs have been identified as Docket No. TF-00-280.

The Board is reviewing the proposed rates from the last year of the existing plan and will issue a separate order in Docket No. TF-00-280. The renewed price regulation plan approved in this docket will provide rates for service as approved in Docket No. TF-00-280.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The renewed price regulation plan filed by Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc., on October 20, 2000 is approved to become effective December 31, 2000. The rates for service under the renewed price regulation plan will be those rates approved in Docket No. TF-00-280.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.